

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5071**

Chapter 464, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature  
2009 Regular Session

STATE ENDEMIC MAMMAL--OLYMPIC MARMOT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/26/09

Passed by the Senate March 11, 2009  
YEAS 43 NAYS 4

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 14, 2009  
YEAS 84 NAYS 13

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 12, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5071** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Jacobsen

Read first time 01/12/09. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the state endemic mammal; adding a new section  
2 to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Olympic  
5 marmot, the only endemic mammal in Washington state, should be  
6 designated as the state endemic mammal. The Olympic marmot inhabits  
7 the Olympic Peninsula in the western section of the state of  
8 Washington. Olympic marmots hibernate from September to May. During  
9 the morning and afternoon on summer days they feed and spend time  
10 sunbathing on rocks. In the evening, they return to their burrow.  
11 Olympic marmots are relatively easy to see during the summer months  
12 along Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. Olympic marmots  
13 eat herbs, grasses, and flowers. They prefer plants that are soft and  
14 easy to digest. They may also eat fruits, legumes, and insects.

15 Olympic marmots are highly social and may live in groups of over  
16 a dozen animals. Gregarious bonds are made between individuals in a  
17 family. Olympic marmots identify each other by touching noses and  
18 smelling cheeks.

1           The legislature intends to promote awareness of the Olympic marmot  
2 by designating the Olympic marmot as the official endemic mammal of the  
3 state of Washington.

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6           The Olympic marmot, *Marmota olympus*, is hereby designated as the  
7 official endemic mammal of the state of Washington.

          Passed by the Senate March 11, 2009.

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